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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 22 June 2004 with a shortened statutory period set to expire on 22 September 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and accompanying remarks.